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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to recitation of the state motto in school
2 districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.5, Code 2023, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **280.5 Display of United States flag and Iowa state flag —**
4 **pledge of allegiance — state motto.**

5 1. The board of directors of each public school district
6 and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall
7 provide and maintain a suitable flagstaff on each school site
8 under its control, and the United States flag and the Iowa
9 state flag shall be raised on all school days when weather
10 conditions are suitable.

11 2. a. The board of directors of each public school district
12 shall administer the pledge of allegiance in grades one through
13 twelve each school day. Each classroom in which the pledge of
14 allegiance is recited pursuant to **this subsection** shall display
15 the United States flag during the recitation. A student shall
16 not be compelled against the student's objections or those of
17 the student's parent or guardian to recite the pledge.

18 b. After administering the pledge of allegiance, the board
19 of directors of each public school district shall require
20 students enrolled in grades one through twelve to recite the
21 state motto established under section 1A.1. A student shall
22 not be compelled against the student's objections or those of
23 the student's parent or guardian to recite the state motto.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to recitation of the state motto in school
28 districts.

29 Current law requires school districts to administer the
30 pledge of allegiance in grades 1 through 12 each school
31 day. The bill provides that, after administering the pledge
32 of allegiance, students enrolled in grades 1 through 12 in
33 school districts are required to recite the state motto,
34 "our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain".
35 Additionally, the bill provides that a student shall not be

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1 compelled against the student's objections or those of the
2 student's parent or guardian to recite the state motto.